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**The Associated Students of The University of Montana
Resolution Regarding Residence Life Communications**

May 1, 2013

SB94-12/13

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Whereas, freshmen at The University of Montana are required to live in on-campus residence halls;

Whereas, approximately 3400 students lived in housing owned by The Residence Life Office during spring semester 2013;

Whereas, Residence Life employs approximately 72 students as resident assistants;

Whereas, residents pay over \$1500 per semester to live in the residence halls;

Whereas, the living situation of students directly impacts their quality of life;

Whereas, resident assistants and residents are under the auspices of Residence Life;

Whereas, many grievances have been reported to The Associated Students of The University of Montana (ASUM) over the past year regarding Residence Life policy on student conduct;

Whereas, Residence Life's mission statement reads "Residence Life provides safe, clean, healthy, and affordable living and learning facilities that fosters an inclusive community living environment for students, staff, faculty, and guests";

Whereas, Residence Life lists two of its core values as inclusive and collaborative;

Therefore, Let It Be Resolved, that ASUM encourages a more open dialogue between residents and Residence Life;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that ASUM encourages a more open dialogue between student staff and Residence Life;

Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to Sandy Schoonover, director of Residence Life and Teresa Branch, VP of Student Affairs.

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53 Damara Simpson,
Relations and Affairs Chair

Bryn Hagfors,
Chair of the Senate